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PROSTHETIC DEVICES EMPLOYING OXIDIZED ZIRCONIUM AND OTHER ABRASION RESISTANT SURFACES CONTACTING SURFACES OF CROSS-LINKED POLYETHYLENE

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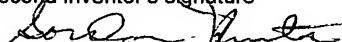
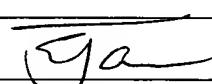
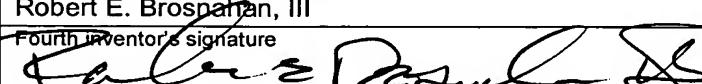
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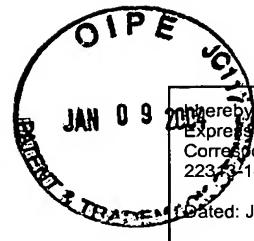
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